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Office Action Summary

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 9/8/04
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-66 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 39-45, 60-66 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☐ Claim(s) 1-9, 13, 16-23, 24-32, 46-53, 55-56 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) 10, 14-15, 33, 36-38, 54, 57-59 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☒ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.


NORMAN M. WRIGHT
PRIMARY EXAMINER

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Drawings

1. Informal drawings have been submitted, which are acceptable for examination purposes only. Formal drawings are due now, as allowable subject matter has been indicated.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

3. Claims 1-9, 11-13, 16-23, 24-32, 34-35, 46-53, 55-56, are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being clearly anticipated by Grayznov et al., U.S. Pat. No. 6,748,534, hereinafter '534.

4. As to claims 1-9, 11-13, 16-23, 24-32, 34-35, 46-53, 55-56, a method and system for partitioned distributed scanning, having: a computer program, master/host computer, a plurality of files, predetermined characteristics, specific content, scan initiating logic, scan dividing logic, task issuing logic, task result logic, scan merging logic, see abs., figs. 3-4c, col. 2, lines 43 et seq., col. 5-6 et seq., col. 7, lines 1-42 et seq., claims 1-3 et seq.. Specific characteristics, worm, Trojan, quarantine or redirecting/locking, a plurality of files, from one or more network, receiving and sending messages, data transmissions, polling/tracking task, status monitoring, see col. 5-7 et seq..

Allowable Subject Matter

5. Claims 10, 14-15, 33,36-38, 54, and 57-59 objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

6. Claims 39-45 and 60-66 are allowed. The prior art does not show the features of setting task priority, tasks being outstanding for a predetermined time, a local bus system on the master computer connecting other computers, delegating larger size portions to be scanned.

Conclusion

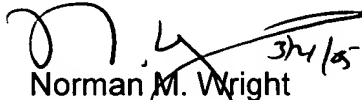
7. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Norman M. Wright whose telephone number is (703) 305-9586. The examiner can normally be reached on 5/4/9 compressed week.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Greg Morse can be reached on (703) 308-4789. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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